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Macomb County to Honor Green Schools on Earth Day, April 22

- WHAT:** More than 70 Macomb County schools will receive recognition for their efforts to achieve Green School status through the Michigan Green Schools Program in a special awards ceremony.
- WHEN:** 11 a.m, Monday, April 22, 2010
- WHERE:** Macomb County Intermediate School District: 44001 Garfield, Clinton Township, MI 48038 (in the Michigan and Superior conference rooms)
- WHO:** Macomb County Commissioners, school principals, student representatives and program coordinators will be on hand to receive their awards and talk about various “green” projects and energy-saving initiatives they have (and will be) participating in through the rest of the year. Interest and excitement in this educational and beneficial program is evident in the fact that 14 of the 21 schools districts in the county participated in the program this year.

Note: A list of projects that day and ongoing Green Schools activities can be provided for media coverage opportunities

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MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – More than 70 Macomb County schools will receive recognition for their efforts to achieve Green School status through the Michigan Green Schools Program this Earth Day in an awards ceremony at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD).

In total, 71 Macomb County schools earned "Green" status; of those, 23 also achieved "Emerald" and 15 achieved "Evergreen" status in the program. During the ceremony, representatives from each of the schools will receive a Green School flag for their building and a Green School certificate signed by Macomb County Board Chairman Paul Gielegem, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, and Lt. Gov. John Cherry to display.

The Michigan Green Schools Program is a fun, educational initiative that encourages students to participate in activities that are good for the environment and promote energy efficiency and savings. In Macomb County, Green Schools is sponsored by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and the MISD. All grade levels (in schools both public and private) are invited to attend.

"this is last year's quote...We're very pleased with the response and enthusiasm for our Michigan Green Schools Program," said Brian Brdak of New Baltimore, who sponsored the resolution creating the county's partnership with MISD to start the program in the county. "Educating our kids about the real things they can do to help out like recycling and saving energy is one of the most important ways they will learn to protect the environment for the future."

The Macomb County Green Schools Program launched in 2008-09 with outstanding participation from 45 schools across the county. Staff and students from various elementary, middle and high schools took part in activities and began initiatives which met the original 10 points, established by Public Act 146 (2006), required for Official Michigan Green School status.

For more information on Macomb's Green Schools Program visit:
www.macombcountymi.gov.